

## HOW TO RULE A HUSBAND.

Exercise Tact, in Large Characters, and the Victory Is Assured.

When the writer was about to marry, says the National Magazine, the wife of a well-known judge gave her this advice:

"My dear, a woman needs the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job and the meekness of a dove to get along with the best man that ever lived. I have my third husband, all good men, but all cranky at times. When they are cranky keep still; when they fret, hold your tongue, and always remember that it takes two to make a quarrel."

In writing to the dear old lady after some years of experience at the headquarters of an army, where I was surrounded by some 20,000 men, I took occasion to say: "The more I see of men the better I like them; and as to quarreling, you are quite right. I should like to add that your admirable advice might perhaps be supplemented by adding: 'Exercise tact, and spell it large.' Tact will win nine times out of ten where open hostility and aggressiveness fails."

The response was: "You are right; we are improving with each generation."

## LENGTH OF A DREAM.

Sick Man Suffered Tortures for Hours in What Was Really a Moment's Space.

"The other afternoon," said a doctor, "I called to see a patient, and, much to my satisfaction, I found him sleeping soundly. I sat by his bed, felt his pulse without disturbing him, and waited for him to awaken. After a few minutes a dealer's cart, with discordant ringing bells, turned into the street, and as their first tones reached me my patient opened his eyes."

"Doctor," he said, "I'm glad to see you, and awfully glad you woke me, for I have been tortured by a most distressing dream that must have lasted for several hours. I dreamed that I was sick, as I am, and that my boy came into the room with a string of the most horrible sounding bells and rang them in my ears, while I had not the power to move or speak to him. I suffered tortures for what appeared to be interminable time, and I'm so glad you awoke me."

"The ringing of those bells for one second had caused all of that dream, and just at the waking moment."

## MAN GREAT DESTROYER.

The Wild Herds of African Plateaus Soon Disappear Before Him.

"It is stated," the London Spectator says, "that the quagga, the beautiful wild striped ass of South Africa, has suddenly ceased to exist. The bootmakers of London and New York wanted his skin for a particular kind of sportsman's boot, and he consequently passed away out of zoology."

"There may be a few left on the highest and wildest plateaus, but the Boers, tempted by the high prices, have extirpated the herds which only ten years ago existed in South Africa."

"That will be the fate of the elephant, too: There will soon not be a bird of paradise on earth, and the ostrich has only been saved by private breeders."

"Man will not wait for the spoliation of the world to consume everything in it, from teak trees to humming birds, and a century or two hence will find himself perplexed by a planet in which there is nothing except what he makes. He is a poor sort of a creator."

## More Women Than Men.

"Superfluous women" are increasing in number. The births in England and Wales last year numbered 947,919—482,191 males and 465,728 females—and the deaths 514,450—266,338 males and 248,112 females. Thus, though there were more boys than girls born, the higher mortality among men more than restored the balance, the ranks of "superfluous women" being thus strengthened by 1,793 recruits.

## Ingredients.

Jones—What is a basket picnic?

Brown—Well—part basket and part bottle.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

## QUEER CANDLE AUCTIONS.

Method Still Employed in a Few English Parishes—Bidding Stops When Flame Dies.

A curious method of sale by auction, which is still observed in one or two places as a matter of ancient custom, but which was once very common, is sale by candle, says the Ashton (England) Reporter. A fragment of candle, an inch or less in length, was lighted as the thing to be sold was put up, and the auctioneers received bids so long as the candle burned. The successful bid was the last made before the flame went out. When the competition was all keen it must have required considerable acuteness and a nice power of discrimination on the part of the salesman to know who spoke last. Mr. Pepps gives a graphic description of the sale of some old hulks in the Thames "by the candle" and remarks that it was pleasant to see how backward men were at first to bid, but when the candle was going out they bawled!

At another admiralty sale, conducted by a like method, the same chronicler says that the competition was so sharp that they had much difficulty in telling who cried last. Some curious things besides wornout ships were sold by candle. In 1684 it was advertised that two elephants, the one male and the other female, would be "exposed to sale by candle" and that "the price and places where to be seen and sold" were to be notified by means of printed bills. The price, which was to be so published, was, presumably, the upset price fixed by the vender. One can hardly imagine that the bidding was very lively for the two ponderous creatures or that any prospective buyers, save perhaps an itinerant showman or two, would be likely to attend the sale.

Another unusual sale was advertised in the following year in the London Gazette, where it was announced that there would be "exposed to sale by the candle at the Marine and Carolina coffee house, in Birchin lane . . . all sorts of playing cards, in small lots, surveyed by Robert Whitfield, master cardmaker (appointed by approbation of the company of cardmakers for that purpose). It is curious that the custom of selling by the candle was flourishing recently and perhaps still flourishes in the far east. In the consular report on the trade of Saigon and Cochinchina, issued in 1878, it was stated that certain descriptions of lands were only to be obtained at public sale which were conducted by the candle, the dying out of three lights before a higher bid was made concluding the bargain. The method was probably introduced by the French and brought hence to this country. In a few English parishes the candle method is still employed in the periodical letting of public land to the highest bidder.

## THE FOUNDER OF QUEBEC.

Facts Concerning Champlain—Discovery of Lake Bearing His Name—First Battle with Iroquois.

Champlain was a bold and skillful French navigator; he founded Quebec in 1608, and having established friendly relations with the Indians along the St. Lawrence, marched a body of those, with some Hurons and others, against the Iroquois in 1609, says the Four Track News. His accounts of that expedition and of another made in 1615 into New York state territory, are among the most interesting of the Paris documents. The expedition of 1609 reached the lake (to which Champlain gave his own name), up which it passed in canoes to a point in what is now the town of Ticonderoga, where he encountered about 200 of the Iroquois armed only with bows and arrows, and a battle followed. What he wrote of the engagement is both romantic and pathetic:

"The moment they (the Iroquois) saw me they halted, gazing at me and I at them. When I saw them preparing to shoot at us, I raised my arquebus, and aimed directly at one of the three chiefs. Two of them fell to the ground by this shot; one of their companions receiving a wound from which he died afterwards. I had put four balls in my arquebus. . . . The Iroquois were greatly astonished at seeing two men killed so instantaneously."

## "DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES."

Grotesque Name Applied to a Delicate and Interesting Little Flower.

Accidents frequently become recorded history, and the accidental naming of this grotesque little flower by a humorous botanist has been written in the books, says the Chicago Post. The scientific name of the species *dielytra*—twice a spur—is more dignified, and digenta proves it to be a near relative of the garden favorite—the bleeding heart.

The flower is well worth careful study. The oddly shaped parts are arranged in pairs. Near its attachment to the stem are two small scales like organs that serve as sepals; next are the inflated saclike bodies or the outer pair of petals; within these somewhat joined is the second or inner pair of smaller petals. In the cavity formed by these inner petals are six stamens and the pistil. The six stamens are in two sets, of three each.

These stamens and the pistil apparently remain confined within their imprisoning walls until they are fully ripe and close fertilization takes place. The result which nature seems so anxious to avoid in the majority of cases is here brought about by her own deliberate contrivance. Nature, however, makes no mistakes, nor is she bound by only one set of rules.

Dutchman's breeches are delicate, graceful little blossoms, from four to ten in number, swaying from a cream-colored scape. They may be found in the shaded places of rich woodlands, and roam the width and the length of the temperate zone.

## LEFT SHOE WEARS FIRST.

Because the Right Is Nearly Always the One Favored by Right-Handed People.

"Did you ever notice that people are right-footed?" asked the proprietor of a shoe store, relates the Shoe Retailer. "Watch my clerks, and you will see that invariably customers will put out their right foot when going to be fitted. Now, watch that corpulent woman going to sit down over there." The woman with great weight of body took a seat, lifted her curtain of black veiling, and as the clerk approached her she poked her right foot from beneath an expanse of skirt.

"It's always the case, and I don't believe I ever knew it to fail. The shoe manufacturers evidently are wise to this fact, as in the cartons the right shoe is always packed on top. Once I had a lot of shoes come to me with the left shoe on top, and it caused me so much annoyance that I wrote to the manufacturer, calling his attention to the matter so that it wouldn't happen again. The majority of people are right-footed, yet a left-handed person has the right-foot habit. The right hand is larger than the left, as it is used more, and consequently develops the muscles to a greater extent. On the other hand, the left foot is larger than the right in most persons. The difference is so slight that we seldom have trouble in fitting shoes, however. It is the left shoe that wears out before the right, and probably for this reason."

## QUEUE BADGE OF SLAVERY.

Chinese Compelled to Wear It Originally by Their Manchu Conquerors.

The celestial's pigtail, in which he takes great pride, and over the plaiting of which he takes any amount of trouble, is really the badge of his slavery. Before the rise of the Manchu supremacy, Chinamen wore no tails or queues, but the conquerors from the north gradually enforced this outward and visible sign of China's humiliation, and each province, one after the other, adopted the practice of wearing long hair and plaiting it up in a coil with cotton or silk. One clan at least, to this day, indirectly repudiates the degradation by wearing at times a turban in which the pigtail is hidden away. Chinamen, while at work in the house, may, for the sake of convenience, coil their queue round their head, but it is a sign of much disrespect whenever they do so in the presence of a visitor or superior or in public.

## SCHOOLMA'AM IN CHARGE.

Upon Her Depends the Safety of the Young Adrift Upon the Sea of Life.

Each generation sees the rush away from the land grow, sees the cities swell, sees character and individuality struggling with heavier odds. When I watch the seas rising and the clouds threatening I think of the schoolma'am at the helm and am glad, says a writer in the Journal of Education. Laugh if you will; I am content. While she is there we are safe.

In a very real way the teacher is, must be, both mother and home, too, to many of her children. Could any pay reward the weary lives I have seen literally worn out in the service of stricken humanity in the slums of my own city—worn to the raw day by day, with never a word betraying the toil and suffering; with the brave, patient smile ever there to cheer and help? I am thinking now of one Christmas festival in a ragged school, and of the sweet-faced teacher at the piano, with the children clustering around her singing their glad songs. None of them knew that she had come from the death-bed of her only sister, who was breathing her life out while she played and sang with breaking heart, hiding her pain with a smile lest she sadden the children's joy. Pay? I would have every teacher who is worthy the name of teacher—and there should never be any other—paid enough to put her ever and for good beyond need of care; and when her years of service were over, I would have her rank as pensioner upon the community—nay, not bounty, but undying gratitude—ranking at least with those who guard it against peril from fire and from violence.

## STATISTICS OF CHURCH.

Enormous Gains Made in Roman Catholic Ranks Through Immigration.

According to Dr. Walter Laidlaw, an authority on church statistics, there are about 30,000,000 out of 82,000,000, as church members. Of these 30,000,000 the Roman Catholics number more than one-third, says the New York Globe. These have gained enormously in recent years by the heavy immigration from countries such as Italy, Poland and Austria-Hungary, where the vast majority of the population is loyal to the church of Rome. It is calculated that since 1890 the Catholics in the United States have increased about 60 per cent., or over 4,000,000. In the same 14 years the growth of the population cannot have been more than 30 per cent. or at most 35 per cent. So it appears that the Roman Catholics constitute about 15 per cent. of the entire population of the United States.

According to Dr. Laidlaw, the Protestant church members have increased about 35 per cent. since 1890, thus gaining at least as fast as the gross population of the United States.

## EATING ROASTING EARS.

There Is Only One Way of Getting the Most Good in the Performance.

"Roastin' years is comin', chile!" And there is but one method of taking your satisfaction out of an ear of sweet corn, namely, bite it off the cob, says the New York Press. Society etiquette, good manners, gentility and royal favor should make a special dispensation governing this matter. All rules of the table among the haut monde and the hoot mon (same thing) should be suspended during the corn season. Inventors are doing all in their power to assist us in being just above the hog in getting off the grains. They have made several different kinds of cornholders, so that the fingers shall not be soiled, burned or disgraced. Presently we shall expect to have a "corn teeth protector" to keep the husk from clogging the spaces between our molars as we sink them into the ear. "Corn eating made gentlemanly, pleasant and cleanly," it will be from now on.

## Ireland's Population.

The population of Ireland, which 50 years ago was over 8,000,000, is now less than 4,500,000.

## EXECUTION SALE.

Whereas, by virtue of a fee bill and execution issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Saline county, state of Missouri, dated October 25th, 1904, wherein Norman L. Keeth is plaintiff and J. P. Tracy et al are defendants, to me directed and returnable to the December term, 1904 of said court, I did levy upon and seize, as the property of said defendants, being the undivided one-half interest therein, a notice of which said levy was by me on said date duly filed in the office of the recorder of deeds for Lafayette county; now, therefore, I, the undersigned, sheriff of Lafayette county, will on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1904, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and in front of the court house door, in the city of Lexington, county of Lafayette, state of Missouri, during the session of said court, sell publicly, by auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following real estate, situate in Lafayette county, Missouri, to-wit: Fifteen (15) feet off south side of lot six (6) and five (5) feet off north side of lot seven (7), in block thirteen (13), original plat of Odessa, Missouri, to satisfy said judgment and cost thereon.

Given under my hand this fourth day of November, 1904.

11-5td OSCAR THOMAS, Sheriff.

## SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION.

Milton K. Lillard and Ann E. Lillard, his wife, Richmond Lillard and M. E. Lillard, his wife, Adelaide L. Woodul and J. H. Woodul, her husband, Fannie A. Davis and G. K. Davis, her husband, Isabel Davis, Eliza Davis and John Davis, her husband, Eugenia Davis and Leonard Davis, her husband, Mary Westrope and J. T. Westrope, her husband, Florence Leaton and Robert Leaton, her husband, Marion Jackson, Eugenia Paul Stanley Jackson, son (minor), guardian and curator of Paul Stanley Jackson, Plaintiffs.

vs. Edgar W. Lillard and Bettie Lillard, Defendants.

In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri. By virtue of an order and decree of the circuit court of Lafayette county, Missouri, rendered at Lexington, in the above entitled cause, at the adjourned August term, 1904, of said circuit court, issued from the office of the clerk of said circuit court, to me directed and returnable at the December term, 1904, of said court, I, the undersigned, sheriff of Lafayette county, Missouri, will on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 1904, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in front of the court house door, in the city of Lexington, Lafayette county, Missouri, during the session of the circuit court of said county, sell publicly, by auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, situate and lying in said Lafayette county, Missouri, to-wit: Ten acres off of the east end of the north half of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, all in section thirty-four, township forty-nine of range twenty-four in Lafayette county, Missouri, to be sold clear of taxes, including year 1904.

Given under my hand this 30th day of October, 1904.

10-23td OSCAR THOMAS, Sheriff.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of J. J. Fulkerson, Collector of the Revenue of Lafayette County, in the State of Missouri, Plaintiff,

vs. B. F. Feagan and Mary Feagan, Defendants.

In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, at Lexington. By virtue of a special execution issued from the office of the circuit clerk of Lafayette county, Missouri, in the above entitled cause, wherein the state of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of J. J. Fulkerson, collector of the revenue of Lafayette county, Missouri, is plaintiff and against B. F. Feagan and Mary Feagan, defendants, to me directed and returnable to the December term, 1904 of said court at Lexington, Missouri, I, the undersigned, sheriff of Lafayette county, Missouri, will on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 1904, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and in front of the court house door, in the city of Lexington, Lafayette county, Missouri, during the session of said court, sell publicly, by auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest, claim and estate of said B. F. Feagan and Mary Feagan, defendants in said execution, in and to the following described real estate, situate and being in the county of Lafayette and state of Missouri, to-wit: One hundred and sixty acres being the east half of the west half section twenty-six (26), township fifty-one (51), range twenty (20), in Lafayette county Missouri, levied upon as property of said defendants, and sold to satisfy said execution, together with the costs and expenses of this sale.

Given under my hand this 30th day of November 1904.

10-23td OSCAR THOMAS, Sheriff.

## SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION.

Maud Thomas, Ellen Fisher and Caroline Pitts, Plaintiffs.

vs. Eddie Narrels, Viney Johnson, Martha Waters and Willie Miller, Defendants.

In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, at Lexington. By virtue of an order and decree of the circuit court of Lafayette county, Missouri, rendered at Lexington, in the above entitled cause, at the adjourned August term, 1904, of said circuit court, issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court, to me directed and returnable to the December term, 1904, of said court, I, the undersigned sheriff of Lafayette county, Missouri, will on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 1904, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in front of the court house door, in the city of Lexington, Lafayette county, Missouri, during the session of the circuit court of said county, sell publicly, by auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, situate and lying in said Lafayette county, Missouri, to-wit: Lots numbered eighty-one, eighty-two and eighty-three (81, 82 and 83), in the original town of Wellington, Lafayette county, Missouri.

Given under my hand this 30th day of October, 1904.

10-23td OSCAR THOMAS, Sheriff.

## FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of John Zeysing, deceased, that the undersigned administrator will apply to make a final settlement of said estate, at the November term, 1904, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in November, 1904.

10-15td ERVIN ZEYSING, Administrator.

## FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and other persons interested in the estate of Louise C. Bedsworth, deceased, that the undersigned administrator will apply to make a final settlement of said estate, at the November term, 1904, of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the probate court room, in the city of Lexington, on the second Monday in November, 1904.

10-15td LAMAR BEDSWORTH, Administrator.

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